REMARKS

This Reply is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 21, 2007. Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, 14-16, 18, 19, 21, 23-25, and 28-30 remain present in this application. Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 17, 20, 22, 26, and 27 have been canceled. In the present Office Action: the drawings were objected to for not including reference characters mentioned in the specification and for including reference characters not mentioned in the specification; claim 28 was objected to; claims 1-5, 9-16, 19-25, and 28-30 were rejected under rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0200486 (hereinafter "Marwaha"); and claims 6-8, 17, 18, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marwaha in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,584,502 (hereinafter "Natarajan").

Applicants have amended the specification to address the drawing objections and, as such, submit that the drawing objections are now moot. Applicants have also amended independent claims 1, 12, and 21, and dependent claims 3-5, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23-25 and 28-30 for clarification of Applicants' claimed subject matter. No new matter has been entered with the amendments to the claims and specification.

At the outset, Applicants respectfully submit that Marwaha (see Marwaha Figs. 2 and 3) merely discloses converting a received event to a common event format, irrespective of a format of the received event. In contrast, Applicants claimed subject matter as set forth in independent claims 1 and 21 only converts a received event to a common event format when the received event is not already in the common event format. With reference to Applicants' Fig. 3 and independent claim 1, as amended, Marwaha does not teach or suggest a method that includes an event source that accesses an event factory to obtain a common base event that is populated and returned to the event source (in the form of a populated based event incorporated in a content handler).

With specific reference to Applicants' Fig. 3 and independent claim 21, as amended, Marwaha also does not teach or suggest computer readable program code that includes an event source that accesses an event factory to obtain a common base event that is populated and returned to the event source (in the form of a populated based event incorporated in a content handler). As is clearly shown in Marwaha (see Fig. 2) a listener/receiver 202 merely passes information to a transformer data normalization 204. As is also clearly shown in Marwaha (see

Fig. 2) a listener/receiver 302 merely passes information to a common event format (CEF) translator 304. Applicants note that the translated Marwaha information is not passed back to the listener/receiver.
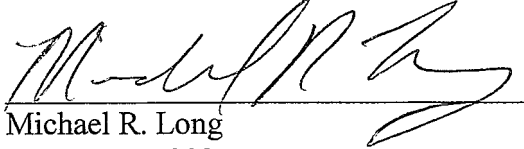
Similarly, with respect to Applicants' independent claim 12, Marwaha does not teach or suggest a system includes an event source that accesses an event factory module to obtain a common base event object that is populated and returned to the event source (in the form of a populated based event object incorporated in a content handler module). Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that Natarajan, while being directed to a network that employs events and directory services, is not directed to a network that converts events to a common format and also does not teach or suggest a method or computer readable program code (system) that includes an event source that accesses an event factory (module) to obtain a common base event (object) that is populated and returned to the event source (in the form of a populated based event (object) incorporated in a content handler (module)).

With respect to Applicants' independent claims 1, 12, and 21, as amended, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the applied art of record (alone or in combination) teach or suggest a method or computer readable program code (system) that includes an event source that accesses an event factory (module) to obtain a common base event (object) that is populated and returned to the event source (in the form of a populated based event (object) incorporated in a content handler (module)).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' independent claims 1, 12, and 21 are allowable over the applied art of record. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 3-5, 8, 10-11, 14-16, 18, 19, 23-25, and 28-30 are also allowable for at least the reason that the claims depend on allowable claims.

Prior to action on this Reply, Applicants request a telephone interview with the Examiner. The undersigned attorney may be reached at (512) 617-5521.

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